

Grand Computer Club Newsletter

Sun City Grand, Arizona

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Open Use Room, Grand Computer Club, Chaparral Center

Grand Computer Club (GCC) is dedicated to helping residents of Sun City Grand interested in using a computer, whether a new or experienced computer user. Members of Grand Computers can sign up for our classes which are taught in

our classroom that has nine student computers. Members can utilize our sixteen Windows and six MAC computers in the general use room during our hours of operation. Visit us in the Chaparral Center or call for info at 623-546-7508.

Winter Registration Update

The GCC has made the transition to web-based registration for winter classes. Students themselves enrolled in classes with assistance from Ken Raske's Education helpers. Students entered their CAM number and password into the system and then were able to select classes, see their invoice, and go to the cashier to pay for their classes.

All went smoothly, except when CAM first names were different from registration first names. That however was solved quickly by Membership Director Gretel Coursol and Webmaster Bob Crawford. For spring registration, students may be able to register on line from home. More info on that to follow in the March newsletter.



GRAND COMPUTER CLUB OFFERS MANY OPTIONS FOR OUR RESIDENTS



The Grand Computer Club has many computer opportunities for Sun City Grand residents.

Computer classes are held fall, winter and spring. A total of 21 PC classes (with many sections) and 15 Mac classes were offered in this winter semester.

The first Wednesday of each month the Grand Computer Club meets at the Cimarron Center at 1:00 PM for a monthly discussion on computer issues.

AZacc, a PC user group, provides speakers for these meetings. Check the website for more information.

The open use room is open from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. The open use room is closed the first Wednesday afternoon of each month for the General Grand Computer Club Meeting. If you're interested in becoming a monitor in the open space room, contact the monitor on duty and he/she will give you information. Your help is appreciated!

CHAPARRAL CENTER, SCG



What Duties do GCC Officers, Directors, and Other Volunteers Have?

The GCC runs well only through the help of its volunteers. Here are some of them with their duties listed.

Leon Chapman, President, presides over all Computer Club meetings and is accountable for the administration of club business. He carries out the direction and policies established by the Executive Board and also acts as principle liaison between the club and the Association.

Ray Hockstad, Vice-President, perform all duties of the President in the event of the President's absence. He also schedules meeting speakers, assists with Education, and is the Communications Officer.

Joyce Klonc, Secretary, keeps the club records, issues notices of all meetings of the Executive Board or General Membership, keeps minutes, and conducts correspondence relating to the Club's business.

Hal Asher, Treasurer, receives and deposits all moneys due to the Club and pays all obligations that may be incurred by the Club. He keeps an up-to-date ledger of all financial transactions and provides financial reports at all meetings. He also prepares and submits Year-End Reports as instructed by the Activities Director/Controller.

Gretel Coursol, Director, Membership, maintains the membership records, updates renewals and new

memberships, and prepares and submits Year-End Reports to the Activities Director/Controller.

Mary Lammert, Director, Monitors, schedules Open Use room monitors and trains such monitors.

Don Noteboom, Director, Technology, maintains all the GCC computers and provides necessary upgrades. He also runs the GCC Tech Talk.

Ken Raske, Director, Education, solicits instructors and classes for the GCC. He provides the web-based registration information and conducts registration processes.

Joe Scanlon, Immediate Past President, provides support to the current president and plans the Volunteer Dinner in the spring.

Other non-elected volunteers:

Edward Jones has replaced Al Borkin as Purchasing Coordinator. The Purchasing Coordinator makes the purchases required for the GCC and takes care of all printing requests.

Bob Crawford, Webmaster, maintains the GCC website and was instrumental in writing the web-based registration, monitor sign-in, membership records, and class information sections on the website.

We now have two **Assistant Tech Directors: Jim Geffre and Al Borkin**, who assist Don Noteboom and help out at Tech Talk..

Fran Morris, Historian, keeps the pictorial history of the GCC and maintains pictorial albums.

Janice Oeswein, Class Scheduler, organizes the classes for fall, winter, and spring and finds instructors for those classes.

Rita Skarbek, Instructor Assistants, works with Janice and provides assistants for classes.

Thanks, volunteers for all you do!

Calendar

February 6, 13, 20 27: 2:00-4:00 PM
Tech Talk

If you need a little help, bring your problems/laptops to our open use room on Tuesdays. Our technical experts will try to assist you with those problems.

February 7: 1:00 PM
GCC Meeting: Cimarron Center

Topic: Kathy Jacobs, Microsoft

February 22: 1:00 PM
GCC Board Meeting

A Message From the President

We have started the New Year in a big way. We have completely changed our software systems for all of our normal operations.

We have new databases that are web-based for monitoring, membership tracking, classes, instructors, and enrollment. Our winter enrollment went very well using our newly implemented web-based enrollment system. We had a grand total of 311 members signed up in January, 2007 for our classes. A big THANK YOU to all those who helped in the Winter 2007 class registrations during our first on-line signup process, including all helpers, cashiers, Instructors, officers, and all others who helped. Bob Crawford did an awesome job in software development for our class enrollment.

I thought it would be timely to mention some of our accomplishments during 2006. We have upgraded our open use room with new computers, added new Macs and new Mac classes, formed a New Technologies SIG, and implemented a web-based enrollment system and membership system. We have also begun a monthly e-mail newsletter to our membership, improved our website, and implemented a new Mac website.

We have obtained an OK from CAM to begin a web-based payment system for classes. If all goes well, members will be able to enroll over the web in March with the ability to pay for classes using a credit card.

Leon Chapman, President, GCC

Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

The GCC has four special interest groups that are subgroups of the GCC. Here is information about each of the groups:

Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month
 Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
 Place: (Nov-May) Palms Room, Sonoran Plaza
 (Jun-Oct) GCC Classroom, Chaparral Center
 Contact: Jim Hale, 546-9711, JHale17@cox.net

Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum for genealogy - the re-search of family history.

Meetings: First Thursday of every month (Oct-May)
 Time: 3:30-5:00 PM
 Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center
 Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900, Chapy@cox.net

New Technologies SIG

Provides club members a forum and experiences using the latest technologies.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (Oct-May)
 Time: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
 Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center
 Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544-4681, Gelb@cox.net

MAC SIG

Provides club members a forum and classes on the MAC computer.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (Oct-May)
 Time: 4:00 PM
 Place: Palo Verde Room, Sonoran Plaza
 Contact: Joyce Kloncz, 215-2397
 ljkloncz@yahoo.com

All of these SIGs welcome your membership. Call or email the facilitators for more information.



A LOOK AT A GRAND COMPUTER VOLUNTEER: LEON CHAPMAN



President Leon Chapman

Each month the GCC newsletter will take an opportunity to interview our board members. This month the GCC Newsletter interviews President Leon Chapman.

Chapy hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and traveled there monthly last year in his job as a systems engineer at Sandia National Laboratories. He has officially retired at the end of December.

This is Chapy's second year as President and he also holds the role as Facilitator of the Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG) and teaches two genealogy courses for the club.

Chapy and his wife, Jean, have one son, Eric, and two grand children,

Skylar, age 4, and Wyatt, age 2, that live in Glendale, AZ.

He has a PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Oklahoma State University.

His other favorite hobby is golfing. He played on the Senior Tour for 5 years and qualified and played in 3 Senior US Opens. He holds the course record, 63, at Four Hills Country Club in Albuquerque, NM.

Thanks, Chapy, for all you do for the Grand Computer Club!